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Received Letters. Without Enclosures Madura Collectors' Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received;	Substance.
4/1	"	Secretary	Transmitting forward Petition addressed to them by Sundara Sastry and certain others, Yeomeahdars of this District complaining of the Suspension of their Yeomeahs.
29/1	"	Dy Secretary	Relating to the change of the System in collecting the Sayer Revenue by renting the right of Levying the general inland duty.
12/3	"	Secretary	Refusing Sanction to a propo... Sub Dn of the Sivagunga Zemindary because by custom it descends to the heirs entire. [Letters not found]
29/3		Do	Calling for report on the claim of Vizia Bungaroo Tirumal Naidu ...

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
2/4		Secretary	Authorising him to act with respect to the village of Aunegoor claimed by Nungalescauree under the orders of the Board conveyed in their letter d 22 January 1818 relative to the grant of villages to Devastanam Brahmins.
do		Dy Secretary	Further instructions on the subject of renting the Customs and enquiring what establishment necessary to Conduct it.
19/4		Secretary	Communicating the orders of the Court of Directors that the Sea customs are to be placed under the Board of Revenue with the

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

		From whom received.	Substance.
			preparatory to carrying the measures into effect.
3/5		Secretary	Directing him to move the court for the allowance he recommends as should be granted to the widow of the late Zemindar of Ramnad.
21/5	"	Do	Authorising the Continuance of land granted to Sahoo Mahomed of Cocaudiputtay for the Support of a Mosque and madam, provided his documents are authentic and the buildings are in order.
28/5	"	Do	Forwarding another petition from Tirumal Naik and desiring him to report on his claim to the

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Received Letters — Madura Collector's Office.

Date	Number	From whom received	Substance
21/6	"	Secretary	Authorising him to receive certain proposals for the rent of the Sayer Revenue in his District and furnishing further instructions as to the mode of conducting the rents.
28/6	"	do	Returning Mozeuzabitah with instructions that the Police and Revenue Establishments be blended [not found in the file]
5/7	"	Dy Secretary	Forwarding instructions to furnish models of weights and measures used in his District with such information as he can procure or any ot[her] …

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Received Letters. Madura Collectors' Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			to him as throwing light upon the [illegible] subject.
23/7	"	Dy Secretary	Forwarding queries relative to the Survey of wet and dry lands of his District.
26/7	"	Secretary	Requesting an early reply to the Boards letter under date the 28th May on the Petition from Tirumal Naik. [Sent to J. C. Dy Collr on or about 14.12.64].
3/9	"	Dy Secretary	Enquiring if the new Salt rules of the 7th June 1820 have been acted upon and if so with what result.
10/9	"	Secretary	Under explanation of Muthu Vijia Raghunatha Gowry, Sanctioning the proposed registry of the Sub[illegible] of the Sin[illegible] Est[illegible] [illegible] die[illegible]

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Date	Number	From whom received	Substance
			to explain to the Zemindar and the family that the question of his right to make the alienation is thereby not determined. [not found in the file]
29/10	"	Secretary	Transmitting petition from Ranee Veloo Nachyar on the insufficiency of the proposed assessment on the alienation of villages of Shevagunga. [not found in the file].
1/11	"	Do	Desiring to move the court of Sudr Adawlet to fix an allowance to the Widow and minor son of the late Zemindar of Ramnad.
			Calling for information respecting

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		the extent of the cultivation of Poppy and the traffic in Opium
29/11 "	Secretary	Desiring him, unless perfectly satisfied of the correctness of the [illegible] apportionment of the Zemindary of Shevagunga to depute an ameen to make particular investigation & Warning him against driving the parties to seek redress in Courts unnecessarily [not found in the file]
6/12 "	Do	Allowing to Sakoo Mahomed such land only as may be sufficient for the support of a mosque and his family [not found in the file]
10/12 "	Dy Secretary	Desiring Collectors to revise the

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Received Letters. Madura Collector's Office.

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and
Madura

Sir,

Para. 1. — I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your consideration and report the accompanying Petition addressed to the by Soondara Sastry &c. 28 Bramins and 20 Mahommedans, Yeomiahdars of your district, complaining that you have stopped the payment of their Yeomiahs hitherto enjoyed by them. —

2. — You are requested to return the Petition with your report. —

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
J. Clark
Secretary. —

Fort St. George,
4th. January 1821
Despd. 9th. Do. — Do.

Compd. W.

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura
& Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1 The great facilities which the present system of managing the Sayer Revenue affords for fraud the heavy charges incurred in collecting the revenue, the undue proportion of time and attention which the Collectors are obliged to bestow upon it to the prejudice of more important duties and the general corruption of the whole body of Sayer servants, have determined the Governor in Council in all practicable cases to rent the right of collecting the general inland duty which is now levied immediately by the Officers of Government under Regulation I of 1812.

2 I am directed therefore by the Board to request that you will be prepared for this change of System and that you will lose no time in making the necessary arrangements for the immediate introduction of it—

The

3. The Board are of opinion that the provisions of Section 4 by which the Collection of the general inland duty is entrusted to the Collectors of land Revenue, do not stand in the way of the proposed change because the Collection of the land Revenue is specially vested by the Regulations in the Collectors altho' a large proportion of that Revenue is rented -

4. Sections VIII and XVII of the same Regulation require to be maturely considered in order that effectual checks may be adopted to prevent the duty from being levied more than once under a system of rents. You are requested to state how far the provisions now in force are sufficient for that purpose and what further enactments you would propose, to secure the fair trader from illegal exactions, and how the system of drawbacks now followed, can be managed if the duties are rented -

5. The Board are of opinion that it will be most expedient to rent the collection of duties by Talooks, and to permit the Talook

renters

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renters to subrent the Chowkies in any way they think proper consistently with the Regulations and with the usages of the Districts - This should not however prevent offers being received for renting two or more Talooks or even the whole District - The Board are particularly desirous of inducing Merchants to enter into arrangements for the direct payment by themselves of the duties chargeable on their Merchandize - The Board are of opinion that in all large trading Towns there would be no difficulty in getting them to compound for the Customs they are liable to pay -

6. The Board are desirous of receiving your opinion upon these important subjects at an early period -

7. You will immediately upon the receipt of these orders give the most public notification inviting Proposals for renting the Collection of the duties and report such as you may receive up to the 15th March with your opinion upon them, and a statement

shewing

shewing the average collections of the last 3 years compared with the proposals ~~for~~ rent—

Fort St. George
29 January 1821
Despd 6 Feby Do

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

H. Chamier
Secretary—

Compd. D. Wy.

Revenue Department

To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 20th February on the subject of a petition from Mungaleswaree.

2 As it appears from the explanation you have afforded that the village of Arrneyoor in the talook of Aberamoom was granted to the Petitioner by the late Raunee and enjoyed by her up to the period at which the Zemindary was taken under your management, I am directed to authorize you to act conformably to the orders of the Board conveyed in their letter 22d January 1818 relative to the grant of villages to Davastanam Brahmins.

Fort St. George
2d April 1821
Despd 4th Do

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
J. Clark
Secretary

Compd. Wy

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to the communications which have been made to you on the subject of renting the Customs, I am direc[ted] by the Board of Revenue to bring to your notice, the following points.—

2 A statement of the Collections at each Chokey, during the Company's management, for the last 3 years, should be prepared, and left open, for general inspection, at the Huzzoor Cutcherry, and at the Cutcherry of each Talook. This Document will afford to Persons desirous of offering for the Rent, the means of judging to what extent, they may venture to make their offers.

3. In the Muchilkah to be taken from the Renters, a stipulation shou[ld] be inserted, by which they shall bind themselves

themselves to furnish to the Collector a true and correct account of the actual Collectn made by them, during the term of their Rent. This statement should be furnished monthly, and should be open to general inspection for the purpose mentioned in the 3d para of this Letter.—

4 The Offers for renting should in the first instance be made to you in writing, but the final bidding should take place in your presence, in open Cutchery, and should be made personally by the Persons who have made offers, or by their authorized Agents.—

5. As, under the renting system, it will probably be necessary to keep up a small Establishment of servants, to receive and prepare the Custom accounts, you will submit to the Board a List of the servants you may consider to be requisite.—

Fort St. George
2d April 1821
Desp. 7th Do

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
R. Clarke
Dy Secretary

Compd. W.G.

Sea Custom Department

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To the Collector in Madura and

Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1. The Hon'ble the Court of Directors having ordered that the Superintendence of the Sea Customs shall be placed under this Depart-ment, and their orders to that effect being to be carried into execution on the 1st Proximo you will be prepared to receive on that day, from the Commercial Resident of Tinnevelly the Sea Custom records that appertain to the ports in your District, and such part of the establishment as may be necessary to enable you to conduct the details of duty.

2 You will report to the Board the mode in which this duty has been performed by you, and the extent & charges of the Establishment received under your control. —

3 As soon as you become

sufficient

sufficiently acquainted with the records and the nature of the duty to be performed, the Board confidently expect that you will find this additional duty not to require much, if any addition to your present establishment. You will give your early attention to the reduction of all unnecessary expense on this account.—

I am
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. Clark
Secretary

Fort St. George
19 April 1821
Dup^t. 21 D^o.

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1st I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, and its enclosure, being an application from the widow of the late Zemindar of Ramnad to be allowed a maintenance out of the Revenues of the Zemindary for the support of herself and family.—

2 The Zemindary being under your care and Management for arrears, eventually to abide the issue of an appeal to His Majesty in Council, the Board incline to think that the more regular mode of application for the required relief would be by motion to the Court whose concurrence the Board apprehend it

it would be proper to obtain to the Grant of the requested allowance.—

3. You will report the result of the measure you are now directed to adopt.—

Fort St. George
3d. May 1821
Despt. 190.

I am,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

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Secretary.

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector of Madura and Dindigul

Sir

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter under date the 3rd instant and to state in reply that the grant of land which Sabo Mahomed of Cocandputty has produced in favor of his claim, was issued for the support of a Muddum and Mosque, if you are of opinion that those deeds are authentic but not otherwise, the Board of Revenue are of opinion that it should be continued provided the Muddum and Mosque referred to in the grant are still preserved.

2 As the limits of the land granted are not well defined, and as its extent is not specified the Board are of

of opinion, that you should restrict the
Exam to what is necessary for the
expences of the Madum and Mosque.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. Clark
Secretary

Fort St. George
21st May 1821

Desp.d 23, 0.

Comp.d W.

A Letter 28th May /2 relative to the [illegible]
[illegible] petition about Washington
[illegible] Sent to [illegible]
[illegible] on or about 14 Oct [illegible]
[illegible] ~~abs~~ on

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant, and to convey to you the authority of the Board for accepting the offers noted in the margin for the rent of the Sayer Revenue in your District

...unties in Madura ...mnad & Dindigul ...ly rents Rs 1,26,950 as ...ted in the Enc. No 2 your letter of the ...th June

2. The form of Cowle has already been furnished to you, and you have been directed to add thereto a clause stipulating for the regular delivery of all necessary accounts and statements, which you may require to enable you to ascertain the actual amount of the Sayer Collections under the renting system.

3. It will be further necessary that the renters should be put in possession of all standing orders of the Board relative to the levy of the general inland duty, and especially of

of their circular orders of the 11th July 1814 is necessary to protect the inhabitants of the province from oppressive exactions. It will be proper that the renters should bind themselves by an article in their Cowle, not to introduce any new or unusual modes of levying their dut but to conform to the correct usages now established and to observe the orders passed for that purpose, copies of such orders being furnished to them by the Collector for their guidance.

4 You will receive in a few days a Regulation to give full efficacy to the renting system in the Districts in which it may be introduced — for it is not deemed expedient that it should be universally adopted until its success has been ascertained in those Collectorates in which circumstances appear favorable to its immediate operation.

5 The provisions of the Regulation are generally as follows subject to modification by the Government whose final sanction has not

yet

yet been obtained.—

The land Customs may be rented out under the orders of the Board of Revenue

Rents to be given inclusive or exclusive of frontier and Town consumption duties.—

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Cowle, what stipulations it is to contain—

Breach of the stipulations of the Cowle to incur its forfeiture.—

Moochilkas to be executed by the renters—

Cowles and Moochilkas for custom renters to be written on the stampt paper prescribed in Section XI Regulation XIII 1806.—

Regulation XIV of 1809 rescinded—

Gunpowder to continue an article of military stores.—

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Renters' Chokeydars to be furnished with a written instrument similar to that given to Collector's Chokeydars.

Renters Chokeydars to use similar seal as Collectors' Chokeydars.

Blank Rowanas to be furnished to Renters on their paying for them.

Provisions of Clause 8. 9 & 10 Section XVII Regulation I of 1812 to be observed by Renters and their officers.

The rules regarding Muafee Rowanas applicable to renters.

Goods seized by renters for evading duties to be reported to the Collectors.

Renters entitled 1st to the duty on smuggled goods and secondly to the informer's share — seizers to have their due proportion of the proceeds of confiscated goods.

Powers of Magistrates in Districts where the customs are rented.

Renters' Servants punishable like Collector's servants for extortion &c.

It

6 It will be particularly desirable that the operation of the renting system during the ensuing fusly and its effects on the trade of the Country and on the prosperity of the Inhabitants should engage your particular attention, and that a full report should be submitted thereon as long before the close of the fusly as conveniently may be, in order that a judgment may be formed of the expediency or otherwise of continuing the same system in the following year and of extending it to provinces where it may not be at present introduced and in the event of its continuance and extension, that any defects or errors in the administration of the system may be rectified.

7 You have not submitted a list of proposed establishment, required by you under the renting system. You will forward one without loss of time that the sanction of Government may be obtained.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Mack
Secretary

Fort St. George
21st June 1821
Despd 23d do
Compd

Recd 11 Octr 1847

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

To the COLLECTOR of Madura and

Dindigul.

Sir,

A Commission having been lately issued by the Crown to consider the subject of Weights and Measures, the Honorable the Court of Directors are desirous of being enabled to assist the pending enquiry by the fullest information which can be procured concerning Weights and Measures in all Countries with which England has Commercial relations in Asia.

For this purpose they have forwarded the accompanying instructions to be circulated to all such persons as may be thought competent to furnish the required information—and I am directed by the Board of Revenue to desire that you will use your best exertions to meet the Honorable Court's wishes and to transmit the models with the requisite explanation as accurately and as speedily as may be.

"You are to procure and forward two sets of models, being accurate "counterparts of the standard weights and measures in use at your Station, "for weighing and measuring Goods and Merchandize of every description.

"In places where different denominations and standards of weight or "measure are employed for particular articles, distinctly from ordinary "commodities separate counterparts of the various weights and measures are "to be furnished.

"Should weights or measures in use at places within your authority vary "from those established at your principal Station, you will likewise procure "distinct sets of weights or measures so differing.

"It will not be necessary that the sets of models should comprehend sub-"divisions nor multiples of the principal weight or measure of each series. A "model of one in a series will suffice, and a convenient one to be selected for "weight may be that which is nearest to the pound; (as the Seer and the Catty, "where Maunds and Peculs are in use respectively;) and in like manner, for "measures of length, one that is nearest to the Cubit or the Ell; and for "measures of capacity, one that is next to the Pint or the Quart.

"To every model should be annexed a specification of the usual sub-"divisions or smaller weights employed as aliquot parts; as well as of the "greater weights used as multiples of that which the model represents. "Thus an explanatory note should be annexed to the Seer specifying the "number of Chettucks contained in it, or other customary divisions; and "likewise the number of Seers contained in the Maund, and of Maunds in "the Candy; (where such greater weight is also in use.)

"Brass, Copper or Tutanag are considered to be fit materials of which the "models may be made.

"The accuracy of the models is to be carefully verified and regularly "attested by competent persons.

"One set of the models is designed for immediate transmission to England, "the other to be retained at the Presidency for subsequent and eventual "transmission as a duplicate, in case of miscarriage of the first Despatch. "The two sets accordingly are to be assorted and separately packed.

"If models of measures of capacity for meting Corn or Liquids cannot be "provided and forwarded without too great inconvenience, the desired infor-"mation may be supplied by a careful ascertainment and report of the Liquid "contents as corresponding either to a known standard of the like sort, or to "Cubic Inches; accurate models would however be more satisfactory.

" In an explanatory Letter accompanying the transmission of the models
" you will add such information as you may possess or can procure, upon the
" general object of these instructions, with any observations which may occur
" to you, as throwing light upon the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE; FORT ST. GEORGE, 5th July 1821.

Disp^d 13 July

A. C. Rumbold

Dy SECRETARY.

Revenue Department

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To The Collector in Madura
& Dindigul

Sir

Para 1 I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying questions to which replies are requested at your earliest convenience.—

2 The Board are aware that some of the queries are not applicable to all Collectorships, and they are already in possession of some of the desired information. A short and explicit answer is however requested to each question, in order to enable the Board to prepare a statement which shall shew at one view the actual state of each District.—

Have all the lands, Wet and Dry been ever measured by a regular scale?—

If not, has a part, and how much, and by

by what scale?—

In what years and under what Collectors did the measurement take place?—

Have all the lands Wet and Dry been classed and Assessed?—

If not has a part, and how much?

In what years and under what Collectors, was the classification and Assessment made?—

Has the classification and Assessment since undergone any, and what revision?—

In what years, and under what Collectors was the revision made?—

Where no revision has been made does any appear to be required?—

What is the proportion of Revenue under the Collectors management?—

Fort St. George
23d July 1821
[illegible] —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

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H. Chalmers
Dy Secretary

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1 With reference to the new Salt Rules transmitted to you on the 7th June 1820 and to the correspondence which has since taken place, with the view to an improvement in the System of management for the Salt Revenue I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will state, how far these Rules are now acted upon in the District under your charge, and when the arrange=ments are likely to be completed, for carrying them into full effect.

2 You will also state whether the Advantages which were contemplated by the Board, have hitherto resulted from the introduction of the new Rules,

and

and what further benefits may be expected to arise from them, when under more full operation.

3. An early reply is requested to this communication, in order that the Board may be enabled to furnish a full Report on the Subject to Government.

Fort St. George
3d September 1821
Resp. &c

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
H. Crane
Dy Secretary

Compd. [illegible]

Revenue Department

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To the Collector of Madura and
Dindigul.

Sir

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th August and to state that it is the opinion of the Board that you should move the Court of Sudor Udalut thro' the Government [illegible] to direct the Provincial Court to fix an allowance to the Widow and Minor Son of the late Zemindar of Ramnad, to be paid by you out of the proceeds of the estate pending the appeal to his Majesty in Council.—

2. The estate not being taken under the Court of Wards, in consequence of the arrears of Revenue due upon it, for which it is under attachment and

being

being further committed to your care by the Sudr Adalut for the benefit of the party eventually deemed entitled to possession this measure appears to the Board to be necessary — If it were under the Court of Wards, it would be the duty of that Court to make the provision in question. —

I am
Sir
Your Most obedt. Servant
(Signed) R. Clarke
Secretary

Fort St. George
1. November 1821.
Despd. 10. Do. —
Compd. W. G.

(True Copy)
Henry Morris —
Sub. Collr.

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul.

Sir,

Para 1st The Supreme Government being desirous of obtaining information in regard to the extent to which the Poppy may be cultivated in the Territories subordinate to Fort St. George and the degree in which a traffic in Opium may prevail within those territories, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to desire that you will furnish all the information in your power on those two points in the clearest and most satisfactory manner, stating the sources of your information and the data on which any statements you may forward are prepared.

on the Secy to Govt. 26 Oct 1825

You

2 You will also state whether any Revenue is derived from the exclusive Sale of Opium in the District under your Charge and (if any) the mode in which it is raised and the Amount

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

W W Rundersley

Act[g] Dy Secretary

Fort St George
15 Nov[r] 1825
Desp[d] 1 Do

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1 There being reason to believe that in many districts the tariff valuation of commodities liable to duty considerably exceed the Market rate, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state, that it is the particular desire of the Government that such error wherever it exists, should be rectified. The increase of the tariff valuation of goods is in reality an increase of duty, to the injury of the trade of the Country, and with the effect of misleading Government as to the cause of the increased collections.

2 The Board desire that you will carefully revise your tariff with the view of correcting whatever errors it may exhibit of the nature referred to, and that you will fix the valuation of the Articles which are to be subject to

to duty at the actual average whole sale price at which such commodities are sold, that is by the first Merchant or person who is bound to pay the customs for the retail price of the petty dealer includes the duties which have been paid by the whole sale dealer and is therefore not the proper standard by which to assess the Government duties. You will also exclude from your tariff such petty Articles as under the former orders of the Board have been declared not liable to customs as Articles of trade since they form no part of the commerce of the Country.—

Circular 11th July 1814

3 You will as early as possible submit for the sanction of the Board and the Government a tariff revised according to the foregoing principles.—

Fort St. George
10th December 1821
Despd 25th Do

I am,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Whitley [?]

actg Junr Dy Secretary

Compd [illegible]

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

It having been observed by the Governor in Council that in some Districts there has not yet been established that complete union between the Revenue and Police establishment which is deemed necessary to its efficiency but that Servants of the Collectors are in some instances charged exclusively with duties of police and that the authority of Tahsildars is not extended over them. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to communicate to you the following sentiments of the Governor in Council on these points for your information and guidance.—

"Such a system" as above adverted to "keeps the Collector in ignorance of what is "going on and subjects the people to the oppression "of police Officers, who take no interest in their "welfare, but are even led to consider their importance and perhaps their employment as concerned in promoting alarm and disorder.— The

"The police must effectively be put "under its proper superior the Tahsildar whose "credit and advancement depend on the prosperity "of the district and who will protect the people "both from Robbers and police Officers. To be "efficient the respective Heads, each in his "station must enjoy confidence and possess "control, potails in Villages, tasildars in dis-"tricts and the Sheristadar in the Collector's "Cutcherry. The Collector must give to the higher "class of Revenue Servants the same confidence "which he himself requires from ~~his own su~~ "periors.

"I am directed further to observe, "as a general rule, that, wherever the authority of "the Collector is sufficient to effect any object, "either with Revenue Servants or with persons "liable to pay Revenue, that of the Magistrate "ought not to be interposed. It ought indeed "to be the aim of every Collector to acquire a "complete but paternal sway in his district, "and he should never, unless in cases of

necessity

"necessity, resort to legal proceedings, which [illegible]
"betray his weakness, and excite disgust."

Port St. George
10th December 1821
Desp. 25 Do

I am,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

[signature]

Actg. Sen. Dy. Secretary

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